

1 Thessalonians Chapter Three

I Thes 3:1-13 (NIV)	I Thes 3:1-13 (NKJ)	Commentary
<p>1 So <u>when we could stand it no longer</u>, we thought it best to be left <u>by ourselves in Athens</u>.</p> <p>2 <u>We sent Timothy</u>, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to <u>strengthen</u> and <u>encourage</u> you in your <u>faith</u>,</p> <p>3 so that no one would be <u>unsettled by these trials</u>. You know quite well that we were <u>destined for them</u>.</p> <p>4 In fact, when we were with you, <u>we kept telling you that we would be persecuted</u>. And it turned out that way, as you well know.</p>	<p>1 Therefore, <u>when we could no longer endure it</u>, we thought it good to be <u>left in Athens alone</u>,</p> <p>2 <u>and sent Timothy</u>, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to <u>establish</u> you and <u>encourage</u> you concerning your <u>faith</u>,</p> <p>3 that <u>no one should be shaken by these afflictions</u>; for you yourselves know that <u>we are appointed to this</u>.</p> <p>4 For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that <u>we would suffer tribulation</u>, just as it happened, and you know.</p>	<p>Acts 17:15-34, esp. 18, 21, 23, 28</p> <p>Afflictions and Suffering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matt 10:16-18 ➤ Matt 24:9-10 ➤ Mark 4:16-17 ➤ Luke 21:12-13 ➤ John 15:19-21 ➤ John 16:1-3 ➤ John 16:33 ➤ Acts 5:40-42 ➤ Acts 9:15-16 ➤ Acts 14:22 ➤ Rom 8:35 ➤ Phil 1:27-30 ➤ 2 Tim 3:10-12 ➤ 1 Pet 2:21 ➤ 1 Pet 4:12-17 ➤ 1 Pet 5:8-11
<p>5 For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, <u>I sent to find out about your faith</u>.</p> <p>I was afraid that in some way the <u>tempter might have tempted you</u> and our efforts might have been <u>useless</u>.</p>	<p>5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, <u>I sent to know your faith</u>,</p> <p>lest by some means <u>the tempter had tempted you</u>, <u>and our labor might be in vain</u>.</p>	<p>Col 1:21-23 --- Faith tempter tempting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2 Cor 2:11 ➤ 2 Cor 11:3-4 ➤ 2 Cor 11:13-15 ➤ Gal 1:6-9 ➤ 1 Pet 5:8-11
<p>6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought <u>good news about your faith and love</u>. He has told us that you always have <u>pleasant memories of us</u> and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you.</p> <p>7 Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution <u>we were encouraged about you because of your faith</u>.</p> <p>8 For now we really live, since <u>you are standing firm in the Lord</u>.</p> <p>9 <u>How can we thank God enough</u> for you in return <u>for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?</u> (NIV)</p>	<p>6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us <u>good news of your faith and love</u>, and that you always have <u>good remembrance of us</u>, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you--</p> <p>7 therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress <u>we were comforted concerning you by your faith</u>.</p> <p>8 <u>For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord</u>.</p> <p>9 <u>For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake</u> before our God, (NKJ)</p>	<p>Three reasons for good news: Prov 25:25</p> <p>What 2 things are mentioned in each of these verses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 Cor 13:13 ➤ Gal 5:6 ➤ Col 1:4 ➤ II Th 1:3 ➤ 1 Tim 1:5 ➤ Philemon 1:5 <p>Stand fast; hold fast:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prov 23:15-16 ➤ Acts 11:23 ➤ 1 Cor 16:13 ➤ Gal 5:1 ➤ Eph 6:13 ➤ Phil 1:27 ➤ Phil 4:1 ➤ Col 2:5 ➤ Heb 3:14 ➤ Heb 4:14f ➤ Heb 10:23 ➤ 2 Pet 3:17-18 ➤ Rev 3:11
1Thes 3:10-11 (NIV)	1Thes 3:10-11 (NKJ)	Night and Day:

<p>10 Night and day we pray most earnestly</p> <p>that we may see you again</p> <p>and supply what is lacking in your faith.</p>	<p>10 <u>night and day praying exceedingly</u></p> <p><u>that we may see your face</u></p> <p><u>and perfect what is lacking in your faith?</u></p>	<p>Luke 2:36-37—Anna Luke 18:7—Last day saints 2 Tim 1:2-3—Paul Rev 4:8-11—Angels of God Rev 7:14-15—Tribulation saints I Samuel 12:23—Samuel</p> <p>See your Face: Rom 1:8-10—Roman Christians Rom 15:30-32—Roman Christians 1Thes 2:17-18—“Relationshipal” Philemon 1:22--Philemon</p> <p>Perfecting your Faith 2 Cor 1:24 Phil 1:21-26 Col 1:23-29, esp. 28 Col 4:12 Rom 1:11-12</p>
<p>11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. (NIV)</p>	<p>11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>direct our way to you.</u> (NKJ)</p>	<p>Direct our Way to you: Ezra 8:21-23 Prov 3:5-6 Mark 1:3</p>
<p>12 May the Lord make your <u>love increase and overflow</u> for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. (NIV)</p>	<p>12 And may the Lord make you <u>increase and abound in love to one another and to all,</u> just as we do to you, (NKJ)</p>	<p>Your Love Increase and Abound: 1Thes 4:9-10 Phil 1:9 Matt 22:36-39 John 13:34-35 John 15:12 1 Cor 16:14 Gal 5:6; 13-14; Gal 5:22-23 Eph 1:4 Eph 4:16 Heb 10:24-25 I Pet 4:8 I Jn 3:11-19 1 Jn 4:7-16 I Cor 13:1-13</p>
<p>13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father</p> <p><u>when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.</u> (NIV)</p>	<p>13 so that He may <u>establish your hearts blameless in holiness</u> before our God and Father at the</p> <p><u>coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.</u> (NKJ)</p>	<p>Established your Hearts Blameless in Holiness: Eph 5:26-27; I Jn 3:19-24; Heb. 12:14-15; Jude 1:24-25</p> <p>Coming with His Saints: Deut 33:2; Ps 50:3-5; Zech 14:5; Matt 24:30-31; 1Thes 3:13; Jude 1:14-15; Rev 19:11-14</p>